

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 17-19 are pending in the application, with claim 17 being the independent claim. Claims 11, 12, 14-16 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,626,319 to Miller *et al.* (hereinafter "Miller"). The Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 17-19 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claims 11, 12, 14-16 and 20-22 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Based on the above amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

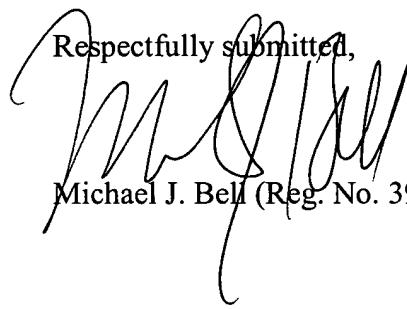
I. The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Should Be Withdrawn And The Application Should Be Allowed

Claims 11, 12, 14-16 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Miller. In order to expedite prosecution, these claims have been cancelled. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and issue a Notice of Allowability for claims 17-19.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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